

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments to the claims, appropriately address the objections and rejections to the application, and in addition helps to clarify the intended purpose of the invention.

Applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 21-28, 30-35, and 37-40, now clearly state that visual marking occurs on the actual displayed data, based on a prior step of determining the display status of the entire data set, and as a result, sufficiently narrows the claims and differentiates this invention from the process of highlighting URL's as taught by Bates, et al. (US patent 6,184,886).

Applicant further respectfully submits that the highlighting of URL's as taught by Bates is limited to highlighting the URL name itself, in a separate list from the data file that it represents, whereas the URL is a representation or a link to the actual data in the web page, and is separately located. Bates also teaches that highlighting of the URL occurs when the URL is manually selected, which also could access or open the associated data or web page, and does not specifically track which data in the web page may or may not have been displayed, and does not specifically mark displayed data within the web page or data file. Accordingly Bates does not teach of determining display status of individual displayed data in the web page which is represented by the URL. A web page may have been selected, causing the listed URL to be highlighted, and little or no data have been displayed.

Applicant further respectfully submits that un-amended dependent claims 29 and 36, are now allowable in light of the above discussion.

Applicant further respectfully submits that the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections of claims 24-25, and 31-32 with reference to Bates et al., in view of Bernhardt et al., have been resolved in light of the above amendments and discussion with respect to Bates highlighting only the URL, and with the additional argument that the grouping feature of Bernhardt is not related to determining display status.


Applicant further respectfully submits that the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections of claims 37-40 with reference to Bates et al., in view of Wolfe, have been resolved in light of the above amendments and discussion with respect to Bates highlighting only the URL, and with the additional argument that the obvious link no longer exists.

CONCLUSION

The applicant believes that the Examiner will now find the claims of this application allowable. Favorable reconsideration of the application is courteously requested.

The applicant is proceeding with this application on a pro se basis, and is available at any time for discussion of the amendments, in person at the examiners location, or by telephone.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin G. Watson", written over a horizontal line.

Edwin G. Watson

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Priority Mail", addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on September 18, 2004.

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Statement of the Substance of an Interview

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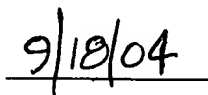
Date of Interview: August 11, 2004

Participants: Raymond J. Bayerl, Truc T. Chuong, Edwin G. Watson

Claims Discussed: 21 and 22

Prior Art Discussed: Bates, et al.

Substance of Interview: An interview agenda was faxed in prior to interview and was used as a guide for the interview. Applicant presented a review of the basic premise and purpose of the invention, using Figures 3 thru 5 as guides. Applicant and Examiners discussed possible amendments to claims 21 and 22 against the prior art. Applicant presented specific amendments including narrowing the claims to show direct marking on the displayed data, which could differentiate the invention from the prior art's method of highlighting of URL's in a list. Examiners and Applicant discussed procedures for filing a response to the last office action.



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